Check Post (ICPs) on the Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal and Pakistan borders; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of new proposed infrastructure project?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) It is our continuous endeavour to improve and facilitate international trade with the neighbouring countries.

(b) and (c) In principle approval has been granted to set up 13 State-of-the-Art Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) at an estimated cost of Rs. 734 crores on the land border *i.e.* India-Nepal-4, India-Pakistan-1, India-Bangladesh-7 and India-Myanmar-I

Child labour

*139 SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that instances of child labour are continuing in the country, despite a ban on it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued notices to Delhi Government in this regard;

(d) whether Government have any mechanism for proper monitoring of implementation of the ban;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of steps taken to effectively curb child labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government is aware that there are instances of child labour in the country and is taking various proactive measures in that direction. Government is committed to complete elimination of child labour from the country However, considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, a gradual and sequantial approach is being followed, beginning with children working in hazardous occupations and processes and gradually covering children in nonhazardous occupations also

(c) National Human Rights Commission has sought information from Delhi Government in this regard.

(d) and (e) The State Governments are the appropriate authorities for enforcement of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986. Central Government is monitoring the implementation of the Act by the State Governments and their reports are being obtained regularly in this regard.

(f) Government is implementing the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) is 250 districts of 20 States in the country for withdrawing and rehabilitating working children in hazardous occupations and processes. Under the Scheme, children withdrawn from work are put into the Special Schools where these children are provided basic education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and health care in order to prepare them to be mainstreamed into formal schooling system.

Foreign contributions by political parties

*140. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state national political party-wise receipt of foreign contribution each year during the last five years and the main countries from which they were received, in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): Under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, various Associations in India are permitted to receive foreign contribution from foreign sources for *bona fide* activities in cultural, economic, educational, social or religious fields. Registration or Prior Permission is granted to associations to receive foreign funds under the Act after due verification of the antecedents and activities of office bearers of Associations. Foreign Contribution is received through legal banking channels and is open to scrutiny and inspection. It is further stated that the political parties are not permitted to receive foreign contribution under the said Act. Organizations of political nature not being political parties, can receive Foreign Contribution with prior permission of the Central Government.